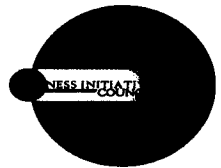




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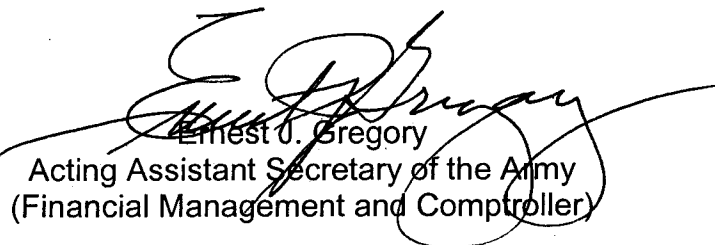
SUBJECT: Army Business Initiative Council (ABIC) Cycle 9

Thank you for your continued support of the Army BIC program. To date we have approved 126 initiatives, each of which will help improve the Army's business processes. This memorandum announces the next submission date (12 August 2004) for Army business initiatives.

As we begin this cycle of initiatives, let us refocus our attention on one of the original objectives of the DoD and Army BIC programs. In addition to improving business processes, the intent of the BIC program is to generate savings and cost avoidances, and reallocate the monetary benefits to higher priority MACOM requirements. More can be done in this area, and I encourage you to actively seek initiatives that will improve business processes while at the same time produce meaningful savings or cost avoidances. As always, the benefits will be yours to keep. Army policy states that BIC monetary benefits stay within the organization where the savings or cost avoidances are realized.

Information on the Army BIC process can be found at <http://www.asafm.army.mil/rabp/bic/abic.asp>. Potential submitters should review the provided guidance prior to submitting an initiative. It will be necessary for your POC or submitter to register if a first-time user. The HQDA point of contact for the Army BIC process is Ms. Monica Malia (Monica.Malia2@hqda.army.mil), (703) 601-4186.

On behalf of Acting Secretary Brownlee, I thank you in advance for your submission of Cycle 9 initiatives, and look forward to receiving initiatives with the potential for meaningful monetary benefits.


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